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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - JORDANIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SADAT-ASAD MEETING HIGHLIGHTED LIMITED NATURE OF CAIRO AGREEMENT TO SEEK CLOSER EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN POLITICAL TIES. THUS, AS AR RAYY STATED, SADAT-ASAD COMMUNIQUE HARDLY A "BOMBSHELL", BUT IN THE TRADITION OF JORDAN-SYRIA RAPPROCHEMENT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY WELL STUDIED AND THOUGHT OUT, PRAGMATIC STEPS TO CLOSER ASSOCIATION OVER TIME, NOT RHETORICAL GREAT LEAP FORWARD.

2. EDITORIALS CLAIMS THAT EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN CLOSER ASSOCIATION SERVES ARAB CAUSE, AND THAT THE "PHASE OF ARAB TURMOIL THAT WAS SYMBOLIZED BY THE LEBANESE WAR HAS FINALLY DRAWN TO A CLOSE" AND IT NOW IS ISRAEL THAT SHOWS SIGNS OF " POLITICAL CHASO" (JORDAN TIMES).
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OBVIOUSLY DETERMINED TO AVOID NOTION THAT EGYPT-SYRIA RENEWED TIES MIGHT BE TO DISADVANTAGE OF HASHMEITE KINGDOM. LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN QUICK TO REPORT HIGH LEVEL GOJ-SARG CONTACTS FOLLOWING ASAD'S RETURN TO DAMASCUS. WHATEVER IT PORTENDS FOR JORDAN, THERE IS GENERAL VIEW THAT CLOSER EGYPT-SYRIA

RELATIONS ARE GOOD FOR ARAB SIDE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
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